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—Thornton's Own Newspaper—

Important Dates

The links to join our public city meetings can be found on our Community Calendar on our website at ThorntonCO.gov.

Tuesday, January 4, 5:45 p.m.
Council Planning Session

Tuesday, January 11, 5:45 p.m.
City Council Update

Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 6 p.m.
Police Community Meeting,
Trail Winds Recreation Center

Monday, January 17
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Offices closed

Tuesday, January 18, 5:45 p.m.
Council Planning Session

Tuesday, January 25, 5:45 p.m.
City Council Update

Tuesday, January 25, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 5:45 p.m.
Council Planning Session

Tuesday, February 8, 5:45 p.m.
City Council Update

Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 5:45 p.m.
Council Planning Session

Monday, February 21
Presidents' Day
City Offices closed

Tuesday, February 22, 5:45 p.m.
City Council Update

Tuesday, February 22, 7 p.m.
City Council Meeting

New Thornton City Council Members Sworn in for 2021-23 Council

Following the certification of the final vote result from the November 2021 election, three new city council members and one returning council member were sworn into office on November 30, 2021. Each person will serve a four-year term.

Kathy Henson is the new council member representing Ward 1. She ran unopposed in the election and replaces Sherry Goodman who chose not to run for reelection. Henson mentioned revitalization of south Thornton as one of her priorities during her first comments on council.

Jessica Sandgren was reelected to represent Ward 2. Council Member Sandgren mentioned that she is hopeful city business can get back to a more normal state compared to the last two years and the impacts COVID-19 have had on the community. Sandgren had served as Mayor Pro Tem for the previous two years and was chosen again to serve in that role for the next two years.

Tony Unrein was elected to replace term-limited Ward 3 Council Member Sam Nizam. Unrein has been a longtime volunteer in Thornton working with public safety operations in the city for many years. He thanked his family and supporters from the election and said he looks forward to working to benefit the entire city of Thornton.

Karen Bigelow was elected to represent Ward 4. Multiuse developments and sit-down restaurants were among the priorities Bigelow mentioned during her comments. She is also a strong proponent of small locally-owned businesses. She thanked her friends, family and voters in Ward 4 for believing in her vision for Thornton.



Kathy Henson - Ward 1



Jessica Sandgren - Ward 2



Tony Unrein - Ward 3



Karen Bigelow - Ward 4

Love My Air Program

Thornton has teamed up with Tri-County Health (TCH) for the Love My Air program. TCH is working with school and parks and recreation partners to collect local air quality data and incorporate air quality education, communication, and programming around our community. You might see the air quality monitoring stations at Trail Winds Recreation Center and the Thornton Community Center. This program uses low-cost, cutting-edge air pollution sensor technology, equipped with solar, battery storage, and data connectivity. For more information, call **720-977-5967**.



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City Council Meetings

January 11, 25 & February 8, 22

City Council meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are televised live on KTTV-8, Comcast channel 881. These dates are subject to change. Please visit gocot.net/council for current information. If you have a disability and require assistance to attend and participate in these meetings, call **303-538-7334**.

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Make Your Neighborhood a Thornton CommUNITY Watch Neighborhood

Thornton Police Department has a number of safety programs which you and your neighbors can participate in. The Dog Walker Watch program trains dog walkers to keep an eye out for safety issues while out on their daily dog walk. The Neighborhood Security Camera Network is a voluntary program in which residents can register their home security cameras with Thornton Police and are only contacted by Thornton Police if a crime occurs in their neighborhood and their doorbell cameras may have captured valuable video. The newest safety program is Thornton's CommUNITY Watch Program. "This is a cooperative effort between our community and Thornton Police," says Thornton Public Information Officer Jesus Mendez. "A CommUNITY Watch Program can help residents become active in emergency preparedness, and assist in the fight against crime and community disasters."

To form your Thornton CommUNITY Watch Program group:

- Contact your neighbors and invite them to join a Watch Group. The best Watch Groups usually involve less than 20 homes, however, this is flexible. If you want to expand the range of your group, contact the Thornton PD Community Relations Unit for further guidance.
- Schedule a CommuUNITY Watch meeting, and then let your neighbors about the upcoming meeting.

Contact the Community Relations Unit of the Thornton Police Department at **720-977-5000** to schedule a time for an officer to meet with you and your neighbors. The Community Relations Officer will present the program and provides the materials and instruction to improve the security of the community, your homes and families. For more information visit **ThorntonCO.gov/public-safety**.

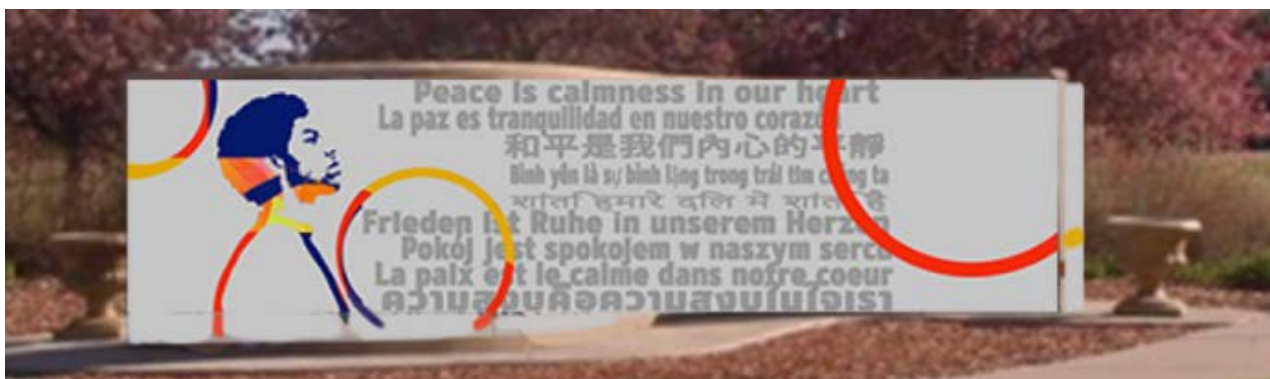
New Thomas J. Slocum Memorial Skate Park Opens at Community Park

Several years of planning and almost a year of construction resulted in a one-of-a-kind skate park/pump track at Community Park, 2211 Eppinger Blvd. The renovations upgraded the original Thomas J. Slocum Memorial Skate Park that was 20-years-old. This new facility expands the footprint to 22,000 square feet, and features an eight-foot deep bowl, a pump track around the exterior, and a street-style plaza. The project is part of the revitalization of Community Park that includes basketball and tennis courts, an outdoor restroom and tree plantings. The skate park was funded by Thornton's parks & open space tax and an Adams County Open Space grant award.



Thornton's Peace Wall is Reimagined for 2022

A new public art project will feature answers from Thornton residents to the question, "What does peace mean to you?" The piece, titled *A Contemplation on Peace*, by artist Kamba Opio, will reflect the diversity of the Thornton community, and will provide a reimagined, contemporary design to the existing Peace Wall, which was created in 2003. Answers can be submitted in any language and residents can scan a QR code which corresponds with their language at gocot.net/peacewall.



Assistance is Available Through Thornton Community Connections

Thornton Community Connections is your neighborhood resource center and their bilingual English/Spanish team is here to serve you.

Thornton Water Bill Assistance

Help is available to qualifying lower income Thornton water customers.

Thornton's Water Assistance Program provides a one-time per year water credit in the amount of \$360 for qualifying single-family households and \$80 for those living in a master meter community such as an apartment complex. For eligibility and to learn more contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or **Assistance@ThorntonCO.gov**.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a statewide program that is only available until federal funds run out, which is estimated to be in January. For eligibility information, and to apply, visit **cdhs.colorado.gov/leap**, or call **1-866-HEAT-HELP**.

Free Computer and Wi-Fi Access

The Community Connections Lending Library has laptops and iPads available for lending onsite, free of charge. There are also books ready for checkout, including topics such as cooking, mental health, maintaining and building credit, English as a second language, and more. Wi-Fi is also available at no cost. For more information, visit 9471 Dorothy Blvd. or call **720-977-5800**.

Homeless Outreach

If you would like to report an encampment, get resources to individuals you suspect are without homes, or get more information about the Homeless Outreach Team, please contact our HOTline at **720-977-5900** or email us at **Connections@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Random Acts of Kindness Food Drive:

February 1-15, drop-off non-perishable food items at:

- Thornton Community Connections, 9471 Dorothy Blvd.
- Thornton Active Adult Center, 11181 Colorado Blvd.
- Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St.
- Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center, 11151 Colorado Blvd.
- Thornton Community Center, 2211 Eppinger Blvd.

For more information, contact Community Connections at **720-977-5800** or **Connections@ThorntonCO.gov**.

Help for Homes Program

Thornton's Help for Homes program improves the health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency of qualifying owner-occupied homes within Thornton. Income eligible Thornton residents can receive up to \$10,000 in eligible repairs for free. If you have questions or would like to apply, reach out to **Housing@ThorntonCO.gov** or call Community Connections at **720-977-5800**.

Seniors – Does Your House Need a New Coat of Paint?

Income eligible homeowners who are 60 years or older, or homeowners who have a disability, may apply to have their home painted for free this summer. This Paint-a-Thon program is first-come, first-served, with limited space available, so apply now. For more information call **720-339-5864**, or email **chad@brothersredevelopment.org**.

LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS!

Xcel Energy Electricity Customers

For a limited time, Thornton residents can receive a **FREE** Home Energy Squad® standard visit or \$50 off Home Energy Squad Plus. A standard visit is valued at over \$200 and includes free energy advice tailored to your home and the installation of free energy efficiency equipment.

Call Xcel Energy's provider CLEAResult at **303-446-7910** to schedule your visit!

United Power Electricity Customers

Thornton residents can receive free energy expertise to help start saving. Over the years, United Power experts have uncovered inefficient equipment, lifestyle adjustments that add up, and other household changes to help residents save hundreds of dollars per year.

Visit unitedpower.com/energy-advisor or call **303-637-1300**.



Trash/Recycling News

For details about any of these programs visit **ThorntonCO.gov/trashrecycling**, email **environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov**, or call **720-977-6200**.

Download your 2022 Collection Schedule

City trash/recycling customers can get their 2022 collection calendar by visiting **ThorntonCO.gov/trashrecycling**. You may also sign up to receive reminders, print your schedule, or embed it into your iCal, Google Calendar, or Microsoft Outlook Calendar. Customers can also download the free City of Thornton Recycles mobile app which is available in the App Store and on Google Play.

New Year's Day - No delay in collection service.

Christmas Tree Curbside Pick Up - December 27 – January 7. City trash/recycle customers may place their natural Christmas trees at the curb for collection on their regular trash collection day. Please do not wrap the trees in plastic and remove all ornaments and lights.

Christmas Tree Recycle Drop Off - Saturday, January 8, 8 a.m. to noon. Thornton residents may bring their natural Christmas trees to the IMC, 12450 Washington St., for recycling. Remove all ornaments and lights. Proof of residency required, restrictions and limitations apply.

Adopt-A-Street - To find out about this volunteer program and how you can help support litter control efforts along Thornton streets, email **environmentalservices@ThorntonCO.gov**.

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City Facilities & Commonly Used Numbers

Thornton City Hall
9500 Civic Center Dr., 80229

Thornton Police Department and Municipal Court
9551 Civic Center Dr., 80229

Infrastructure Maintenance Center
12450 Washington St., 80241

Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center
11151 Colorado Blvd., 80233

Thornton Community Center
2211 Eppinger Blvd., 80229

Thornton Active Adult Center
11181 Colorado Blvd., 80233

Thornton Arts & Culture Center
9209 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

Trail Winds Recreation Center
13495 Holly St., 80241

Thornton Community Connections
9471 Dorothy Blvd., 80229

Active Adult Center 303-255-7850

Animal Control 720-977-5250

Arts & Culture Center 720-977-5880

Building Inspection 303-538-7250

Building Permits 303-538-7250

Business Assistance 303-538-7605

Carpenter Recreation Center 303-255-7800

City Clerk's Office 303-538-7230

City Communications 303-538-7279

City Council & Mayor 303-538-7002

City Manager's Office 303-538-7002

Code Compliance 303-538-7517

Community Connections 720-977-5800

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Fire Department (non-emergency).. 303-538-7602

Human Resources 303-538-7245

Municipal Court 720-977-5400

Parks, Recreation & Community Programs 303-538-7275

Police (non-emergency)..... 720-977-5150

Pothole Repair 720-977-6464

Snow & Ice Control 720-977-6464

Trail Winds Recreation Center ... 720-977-5700

Trash & Recycling 720-977-6200

Utilities (Water, Sewer) 720-977-6500

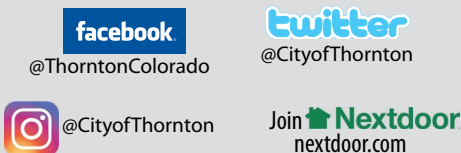
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Thornton Arts & Culture Calendar

All exhibits are free at the OZ Gallery, open Tuesday-Friday, 12-5 p.m., in the Thornton Arts & Culture Center (TACC), 9209 Dorothy Blvd.

Abstract Landscapes by Heidi West: January 11 – March 4

Artist Heidi West is inspired by the vibrant colors, endless textures, sweeping forms and open skies of the Colorado landscape. Her paintings reflect her joys and challenges of life.

Thornton Arts Academy

Winter/Spring Programs

Call **720-977-5901** or visit gocot.net/registration to sign up.

PRINTMAKING | AGES 6-12

AGES 6-10, Tu, Jan 4-Feb 1, 4-5:30 p.m., \$48R/NR
AGES 8-12, Tu, Feb 15-Mar 15, 4-5:30 p.m., \$48R/NR

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE ART BOOKS | AGES 6-12

AGES 6-10, Th, Jan 6-Feb 3, 4-5:30 p.m., \$48R/NR
AGES 8-12, Th, Feb 17-Mar 17, 4-5:30 p.m., \$48R/NR

MONOPRINTING | AGES 18+

Tu, Jan 4-Feb 1, 6-8 p.m.
Tu, Feb 15-Mar 15, 6-8 p.m., \$60R/NR

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE ART | AGES 18+

Th, Jan 6-Feb 3, 6-8 p.m.
Th, Feb 17-Mar 17, 6-8 p.m., \$60R/NR

HOW TO WRITE, ILLUSTRATE AND PUBLISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 18+

We, Feb 16-Mar 16, 6-8 p.m., \$60R/NR

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SOMOS' Mural Debuts at Anythink Huron

There's a new a community-inspired mural at Anythink Huron Street. SOMOS, the Spanish word for "we are," encourages self-exploration through art, poetry and language. This powerful, spanning mural by artist Armando Silva, is inspired by the voices and stories of local teens. It's imagery represents culture, heritage, pride, love, nature, growth and success.



Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards

Would you like to recognize a special youth in grades 6-12, up to 20 years old, who has overcome personal adversity to create positive change?

To submit your nomination or for more information, visit adcogov.org/adams-county-mayors-and-commissioners-youth-awards-old.

ACMCYA Thornton Banquet | March 3, 6 p.m.
Active Adult Center | 11181 Colorado Blvd.
Jennie.Christoffel@ThorntonCO.gov | 720-977-5916



YOUTH & TEEN NIGHTS AGES 10-17

Enjoy a fun night out with games and activities. Designed to be inclusive of all abilities, including those with physical and cognitive disabilities. Snack and drink is included.

Register at gocot.net/registration or call 720-977-5901. Fee: \$5R/NR

A 50% discount is available for any additional family members that wish to participate!

MINUTE TO WIN IT (129320-A1)

Saturday, January 8 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Trail Winds Recreation Center, 13495 Holly St.

ESCAPE ROOM (129320-A2)

Saturday, February 12 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Thornton Community Center, 2211 Eppinger Blvd.



Reminder!

**2022 THORNTON GIRLS SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1!**
GOCOT.NET/REGISTRATION | 720-977-5901

